

OK TO ENTER: /J.M./



07076

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Nile A. Lahr et al.
Serial No: 10/537,326
Filed: August 8, 2006
For: ANNULAR VENTING OF TIRE TREAD MOLD

Exr. Jacob T. Minskey
Art Unit: 1791
Confirmation No.: 1874

Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 23, 2009

RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2009.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner agreed that the previous rejection based upon Hyata (US 4,691,431) was, in effect, overcome but issued a new and final rejection of claims 1 – 3, 5 – 11, 13, and 22 – 29 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Masayuki, JP 02-295706. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the rejection and allow the claims currently pending.

Initially, it should be noted that the claims currently pending set forth the